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Subject: DEADLINE March 8 for SLA Nominations for EPA-NC VIRTUAL BASIC INSPECTOR PIRT 2021
Attachments: NCDACS Virtual Basic PIRT 2021 Invitation Letter Final.pdf; PIRT NC Virtual Basic PIRT 2021 Agenda draft 1-28-21.docx

The agenda is NOW out for the upcoming EPA-NC Basic Inspector PIRT. Please find that as attached.

Please remember that the DEADLINE for State nominations is March 8 (sooner the better though to get a space). Note that although it is virtual, they are still limiting the attendance to 40-50 people total. For EPA Regions – remember that a few Regions are usually allowed to attend as well, but always depends on openings and space. Regions still must nominate the staff person.

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To report environmental violations visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents>

Life Lesson: We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

Have a Bed Bug Free Day!!

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From: Patrick Jones <patrick.jones@ncagr.gov>
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 11:25 AM
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Subject: NC Virtual Basic Pesticide and Use Concerns PIRT

Amy – would you please send this out? Thank you – PJ

I wanted to provide an update for the NC Virtual Basic Pesticide and Use Concerns PIRT Course. An updated Agenda is attached. To date we have received 19 nominations from across the US and many territories.

Yes – it is Virtual. Yes – I wish we could accommodate 300 people – but we cannot. Wayne Buhler at NCSU, who is virtually hosting the conference and the PREP Staff strongly suggest that we still limit the participation to 40-50 attendees. This allows us an opportunity to still provide an interactive and engaging PIRT Course experience for your staff.

One bit of exciting news! We will have a recorded version of the PREP Course offered one week after the course. We will provide a link from NCSU (likely a YouTube link), that the SLA can then present to their other new staff members who need the training. Kelly Engle can answer questions about the specifics – but she has checked with the credentialing branch and they shared this, “with an inspector’s supervisor’s approval, viewing a recording of the PRIT conference would also satisfy the inspectors’ annual FIFRA program refresher requirement.”

We will work out some steps to initiate a certificate – yet to be determined. Maybe, as easy as filling out an evaluation. Your regions may be offering some other options as well.

Please let me know if you have additional questions – Take care!

Sincerely, Patrick Jones

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Subject: DEADLINE March 8 for SLA Nominations for EPA-North Carolina VIRTUAL BASIC INSPECTOR PIRT 2021

North Carolina is now accepting SLA nominations for the BASIC INSPECTOR Virtual PIRT to be held April 19-22, 2021. This course is intended for new (<5 yrs) inspectors. They are still only accepting ONE nomination (and alternate) per SLA. Please note that the DEADLINE for nominations is March 8, 2021. More details are in the attached and further below.

I am Sure that this PIRT will fill up quickly, being virtually and with the States having so many new inspectors. Unsure if EPA will allow more SLAs to participate than usual (limit prior to pandemic was around 30) because this one will be held virtually. Best to get your nomination in EARLY rather than late to better ensure a place.

Nomination Form is online at EPA now:

<https://www.epa.gov/compliance/forms/2021-virtual-basic-pesticide-and-use-concerns-pesticide-inspector-regulatory>

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Subject: North Carolina VIRTUAL PIRT 2021

All,

Please see the announcement and invitation from North Carolina to the first VIRTUAL PIRT.

Hello everyone,

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in conjunction with the U S Environmental Protection Agency and North Carolina State University, is pleased to announce the upcoming **2021 Virtual Basic Inspector and Use Concerns Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT)** Course to be held April 19-22, 2021. The course is structured for new inspectors to learn more about basic pesticide enforcement as well as cover many of the "Ag Use Concerns" facing today's pesticide regulatory programs. Please refer to the attached invitation letter for more information and instructions on how to submit your nominations. Please select your nominees as soon as possible. We ask for all nominations to be submitted by **March 8, 2021**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone listed below. Please forward this message as appropriate.

Sincerely,

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